REMARKS

A claim of priority to co-pending provisional application 60/469,433, filed May 9, 2003 is hereby made. This amendment makes reference to the priority provisional patent application as required by 37 CFR §1.78(4) and (5)(ii). As this reference is made within sixteen months of the date of the prior-filed provisional application, no fee is believed to be due.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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